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## Negro Soldiers Have Ever Been First in Defending America

### Wonderful Progress of a Race

What the American Negro Has Achieved in 50 Years Under the Most Trying and Adverse Circumstances.

WILL BE BETTER FARTER ON.

The first African immigrants, twenty in number, landed in Virginia about the last of August, 1619, coming over in a Dutch man-of-war. "They were probably not slaves, but servants indentured for a term of years." (Negro Year Book.)

In 1625 slavery began in New York and New Jersey and gradually gained ground in the other states.

From twenty immigrants in 1619, with the continual importation of the African slaves, the race grew in strength and numbers until when the emancipation proclamation was issued by the immortal and peerless Abraham Lincoln in 1863, the African contingent in this country had amassed a population of 4,441,730. That same race now numbers in its ranks over 11,000,000 African-Americans.

It is hardly necessary to recount the African-American's deeds of heroism and valor on the battle fields for this country, dating from the revolutionary war, when Crispus Attucks, an African slave, was the first to shed his blood for American independence.

#### PROGRESS.

1863: Economic—Homes owned, 9,000; farms operated, 15,000; businesses conducted, 2,000; wealth accumulated, \$20,000. Educational—Percent literate, 5; number of colleges and normal schools, 4; students in public schools, 10,000; teachers in all schools, 150; school property for

higher education, \$50,000; expenditures for education, \$200,000; raised by African-Americans for their education, \$10,000. Religious—Number of churches, 550; number of communicants, 550,000; number of Sunday school pupils, 10,000; value of church property, \$1,000,000.

#### NOW LOOK!

1913: Economic—Homes owned, 550,000; gain 541,000; farms operated, 937,000; gain 922,000; businesses conducted, 40,000; gain 38,000; wealth accumulated, \$700,000,000; gain \$699,980,000. Educational—Percent literate, 70; gain 65; number of colleges and normal schools, 500; gain 496; students in public schools, 1,700,000; gain 1,690,000; teachers in all schools, 35,000; gain 34,850; school property for higher education, \$20,000,000; gain \$19,950,000; expenditures for education \$13,600,000; gain 13,400,000; raised by African-Americans for their education, \$1,500,000; gain \$1,490,000. Religious—Number of churches, 40,000; gain 39,450; number of communicants, 4,300,000; gain 3,750,000; number of Sunday schools, 41,000; gain 40,800; number of Sunday school pupils, 2,200,000; gain 2,190,000; value of church property, \$70,000,000; gain \$69,000,000.

Be industrious, educate our children and trust in God and we will reach the pinnacle of achievement.

### NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE OUR GUESTS.

In order to entertain these distinguished men and women as they have been entertained in other cities it will require the united effort of all race loving citizens of Greater Kansas City. We also invite the various lodges, societies and social clubs to join us in raising funds sufficient to give these visitors a royal welcome, as there will be members and friends of these lodges and clubs from all parts of the United States.

Philadelphia subscribed \$7,000 for the entertainment of the National Business League when they met there in 1913. We want \$3,000 to entertain them in Greater Kansas City—won't you do your share?

This organization was the most important work of its founder, the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, with the exception of Tuskegee. The ideals of the Business League is the hope of a struggling race. You can give your subscription to any of our authorized collectors or send checks to J. A. Wilson, treasurer, 1616 West Ninth street.

All persons donating \$1.00 will be presented with a National Business League Booster's Badge, and all persons donating \$5 or more their names will appear in our souvenir program. The names of those who have subscribed will be seen in the columns of this paper each week.

### INVITATION TO VISIT PLANT OF SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY, CHICAGO.

Delegates who find it convenient to stop over in Chicago should not fail to take advantage of the invitation which Mr. Julius Rosenwald, president of the Sears, Roebuck and Company Corporation, has extended to visit the plant of Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago.

The invitation follows: SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY, Executive Offices, Chicago, Ill.

April 8th, 1916.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary, National Business Men's League, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Dear Sir: We are informed that the National Negro Business League will hold a convention in Kansas City, Missouri, August 16 to 19, 1916.

No doubt, many of the delegates will pass through Chicago enroute to or from the convention, and the purpose of this letter is to extend to the delegates of your convention in a body, or to duly accredited individuals, a cordial invitation for a special trip of inspection of our plant, while in our city.

We will be glad to have them as our guests at luncheon, after which special guides will be provided to conduct the party through the plant, which requires one and one-half hours.

As early as possible, at your convenience, kindly inform me what day would be most convenient for them to make the visit, and approximately how many we may have the pleasure of expecting. Full particulars as to facilities for reaching the plant, etc., will be sent to such persons as you may designate.

This invitation includes ladies-accompanying delegates.

Yours very truly, SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., (signed) Julius Rosenwald, President.

The following list of citizens who have already made their pledges to the Negro Business League. Next list will appear in first issue of the Sun in July:

C. A. Franklin, 1309 East 18th.	\$10.00	
Wm. Hopkins, 2224 Vine St. Pd.	10.00	
F. J. Weaver, 1510 E. 18th, Pd.	25.00	
N. C. Crews, 1803 E. 18th, Pd.	10.00	
J. Dallas Bowser, 2400 Paseo.	10.00	
J. H. Clayborne, 10th and Wash-	ington.	10.00
Solomon Smith, 3427 Vine St.	10.00	
W. W. Payne, 1902 1/2 Vine.	10.00	
Watkin Bros., 1729 Lydia ave.	10.00	
J. H. Simmons, 915 Oak.	10.00	
Bessie M. Weaver, 1510 E. 18th.	10.00	
J. A. Wilson, 1616 W. 9th.	10.00	
C. Evans, 2423 Vine.	5.00	
Taylor Holmes, 2409 Vine.	5.00	
Chas. H. Adkins, 1600 E. 18th.	5.00	
L. Amos Knox, 1419 E. 18th.	5.00	
McCampbell & Houston, 2300	Vine.	5.00
B. R. D. Wortham, 1831 Paseo.	5.00	
Mrs. H. P. Lindley, 2440 Vine.	5.00	
Prof. J. R. E. Lee, 2423 Grove.	5.00	
"Prof" H. O. Cook, 2436 Montgall	2.50	
J. L. Matson, 1412 E. 19th.	2.50	
James Hopkins, 1110 N. 3rd.	2.50	
H. W. Beck, 2227 Michigan.	2.00	
R. L. Hopkins, 2326 Vine.	2.00	
Mrs. N. Adams, 2114 Vine.	2.00	
Mr. Geo. Taylor, 1616 E. 18th.	1.00	
J. H. Jones, 1801 E. 18th.	1.00	
Ed Ross, 1824 Paseo.	1.00	
J. H. Winkler, 1625 E. 18th.	1.00	
Dr. L. L. Shelton, 2432 Vine.	1.00	
Noah Thomas, 1902 Vine.	1.00	
W. A. Williams, 1714 E. 13th.	1.00	
R. D. Jackson, 2405 Vine.	1.00	
H. K. L. Love, 1601 N. 18th.	1.00	
J. B. Bloomfield, 1601 E. 18th.	1.00	
Mrs. Birdie Jackson, 1636 E. 18th.	1.00	
Mrs. A. Owens, 24th and Vine.	1.00	
Miss Victoria Overall, 2116	Woodland.	1.00
Rev. S. W. Bacote, 2210 Kansas	avenue.	1.00
Rev. G. W. Dickerson, 5329 S.	Benton.	1.00
Rev. H. Walden, 2442 Montgall.	1.00	



HON. WALTER S. DICKEY.

The next United States Senator, who will have the united support of all the forces in Missouri that stand for progress and development, and who will be elected by 40,000 majority.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

Several weddings have taken place in our city this week among the young society people, among which were Miss Belle Scott, one of our prominent teachers, and Mr. H. R. Bradley of Parsons, Kas.; Miss Erma Johnson, one of our Kindergarten teachers and a former member of Allen Chapel choir, and Mr. Lloyd Payne, son of Prof. and Mrs. Payne of Glasgow, Mo., and Miss Elsie Grant, instructor in voice at Western Uni-

versity and Mr. Arthur W. Hardy, physical instructor at the Paseo Y. M. C. A.

#### EBENEZER A. M. E. CHURCH.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church Sunday, June 25. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the presiding elder. At 3 p. m. by Rev. I. M. Warfield. All pastors and their congregations are invited.



PROF. R. T. COLES.

Past Grand Master, who will be Master of Ceremonies Sunday at Allen Chapel.



SIR W. G. MOSELY.

Who will speak St. John's Day, Sunday, on "The Higher Degrees."

#### B. M. WEAVER TEMPLE.

In less than seven days Mrs. B. M. Weaver gathered together some of Kansas City's most intelligent ladies and succeeded in organizing a Temple that is destined to be one of the best in the jurisdiction. On Tuesday evening, June 13, a number of prominent representatives of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten met at the U. B. F. Hall, 1420 East Eighteenth street, to witness the organization of what is to be second to none of Temples in Kansas City, Missouri, and jurisdiction. Thirty-five ladies gathered to be initiated into the rites of the Order. Before the house was called to order Dr. Gideon W. Brown impressed the ladies of the seriousness of the obligations they were about to take and bade them be courageous. He bade them support the organization and to honor the organizer, B. M. Weaver, by taking her name.

Princess Malinda Robinson of Mercy Temple called the house to order, and with the assistance of Madame P. M. Dabney of Queen Etta Temple No. 345, Past Princess Eva L. Moore, M. L. Sweetman, Princess Katherine Harris and M. E. Walker, the candidates were initiated into the rites of the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten and seated. R. E. Moten, district deputy of the U. B. F. and jurisdiction, spoke encouragingly to the sisters and commended Mrs. Weaver for her influence and the manifestation of her ability in the community. The Temple will be known as B. M. Weaver Temple.

Officers: Princess, B. M. Weaver; vice, Nannie Bunch; secretary, Alma Robinson; assistant, Mrs. Radford; treasurer, Julia Houston; chaplain, Belle Martin; pilot, F. E. Laine; Joshua, R. Blackwell; Villa, L. Stevenson; Caleb, Gladys Jones; senior marshal, M. Neal; junior marshal, Miss Griffen; outside gatekeeper, Mrs. McCulley; Father Joshua, Mrs. D. Rivers.

All members of Temples in good standing are invited to meet with this number at 2 p. m. the second and fourth Mondays at 1420 East Eighteenth street. ALMA ROBINSON, Secretary.

#### MASONIC CELEBRATION.

The Masonic fraternity and the Adoptive Rites in all their branches will celebrate St. John's Day Sunday, June 25 with a religious and literary program at historic Allen Chapel at 2:00 p. m. The twelve blue lodges headed by the three Commanderies of Knights Templars, the Scottish Rite Masons and the Royal Arch Chapters with music furnished by the Knights Templar band and the Second Regiment K. of P. band will march from their hall at 1:00 o'clock to the church, where the Knights Templars will form an escort to the ladies of the Eastern Star, the Heroines of Jericho, the Administrative Council, the Daughters of Isis, and the Golden Circle, who will march from the lecture room through the lines under an arch of steel into the church auditorium and the following program will be rendered with Past Grand Master R. T. Coles as Master of Ceremonies:

#### PROGRAM.

Song, "Coronation".....Choir  
Invocation.....Rev. J. W. Hurst  
Solo.....Mrs. S. L. Hammett  
"Symbolic Masonry".....F. W. Dabney  
Selection.....Choir  
"The Higher Degrees".....  
.....W. G. Mosely, R. E. G. C.  
"The Adoptive Rites".....  
Miss M. Woods, P. R. G. M. O. E. S.  
Solo.....Mrs. J. F. Shannon  
"Coming Events".....Wm. H. Dawley, Jr.  
Selection.....Choir  
Sermon.....Rev. F. D. Wells  
Pastor of Bethel Church  
Remarks.....Grand Master N. C. Crews  
Overture  
Benediction.....Rev. W. H. Thomas, D.D.  
EUGENE G. LACEY,  
Dist. Dep. Grand Marshal.  
Richard Fulbright, Assistant.

#### ON TO BALTIMORE.

For the Colored Club women in August of this year of our Lord A. D. 1916, all roads lead—not to Rome—but to Baltimore, on the Chesapeake. In less than two months there will be assembled under one roof in Baltimore a most remarkable company of women, members of a race downtrodden, rapidly advancing to take its place among the most highly civilized



PROF. WM. H. DAWLEY, JR.  
Who will speak on "Coming Events."

#### Y. M. C. A.

From cards received from the "Bilby" Sunday Campaign Committee it is evident that scores of Colored men "hit the trail" during his stay here.

The improvements on the building are progressing rapidly. Payments of subscriptions to make this possible keep apace.

Mr. H. O. Cook, chairman of the Committee of Managers of the Paseo Y. M. C. A., will make his home in the Chicago building while in that city this summer.

The Mexican situation, which calls for the mobilization of the State Militia, is a real serious matter for Colored men connected with the National Guard, as is the case in Illinois. Mr. Gaston Graham, who has made his home temporarily in the Association building, received this week orders to report to his command, Company I of the 8th Illinois regiment.

The second overnight hike of the season was held last Saturday night to North Kansas City. The site where the boys stayed for the night was a place from which we could get a long distance view of our city that could not be duplicated from any other point around Kansas City. The boys are very anxious for their summer camp to open. This year's camp will be larger and even better than last year's. We hope to accommodate 50 or more boys and men.

nations of modern times. The 10th Biennial of the N. A. C. W. which opens at Bethel A. M. E. church August 6 bids fair to eclipse all other conventions. Club women all over the country are enthusiastic in their preparations to attend, their slogan being "On to Baltimore"; their watchword, "service," their loyalty concentrated in their leader, Mrs. Booker T. Washington. Among the notable clubwomen of the country who will be heard on the program at Baltimore are: Mrs. Joanna Porter, Chicago; Mrs. Gertrude Ball, Lexington, Mo.; Mrs. D. M. Butler, Mississippi; Mrs. Norris Clarke, Virginia; Mrs. B. L. Smith, Texas; Mrs. Lizzie A. Fouse, Kentucky; Mrs. Mattie Hicks, Minnesota; Mrs. S. W. Layton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Ethelyn Collins, Ohio; Miss Judith Horton, Oklahoma; Miss C. N. Dowe, California; Miss L. C. Snowden, Kentucky; Miss Anna Jones of Kansas City is chairman of the program committee. There will be an interesting symposium on Woman suffrage and representatives of several national race organizations for uplift will make reports. An interesting feature of the program will be the report of Mrs. Marg B. Talbert, vice president at large, of her trip across the continent, inspiring and encouraging the women of eleven states with her wonderful personality. "On to Baltimore!" Let the slogan roar. Wives and mothers, sisters, brothers, "On to Baltimore!" MRS. W. T. FRANCIS, Chairman Press Committee National Ass'n Colored Women's Clubs.



SIR EDW. S. BAKER.  
Grand Secretary of Royal Arch Masons.

#### FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA.

The garrison has been very much alive since our last note appeared in your paper.

Chaplin and Mrs. Prioleau left on the 22nd ult., to join the chaplain's new regiment, the 25th U. S. Infantry, in the Hawaiian Islands.

The Physical Culture class, composed exclusively of ladies of the post, of which Mrs. Prioleau was the able instructor, gave a very enjoyable exhibition at the post gymnasium hall just prior to Mrs. Prioleau's departure, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The admission fee was that each gentleman must be accompanied by a lady. A very nice program was rendered. Among the leading features was a basket ball game, which was hotly contested by both sides.

A literary forum was organized on the 29th ult., by the leading ladies and gentlemen of the post, the following officers being chosen to serve three months: Prof. F. M. Liston, president; Mrs. F. E. Williams, secretary; Mr. A. Chambliss, assistant secretary; Mr. J. Munns, chorister; Mrs. Ella Hudnell, assistant chorister; Mrs. J. Y. Dendy, organist; Corporal G. Boston, master at arms. The charter members in addition to the officers mentioned above were: Quartermaster Sergeant and Mrs. Saddle, Quartermaster Sergeant and Mrs. Sewall, J. C. Campbell, Mrs. C. Haslerig, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Carter, the Misses Grace and Helen Carter, Mrs. Rowlett, Mrs. Lamar, Private Hope and Howard, Mrs. S. L. Gross.

Miss Florence Porter, sister of Corporal Harry Porter of this command, died at the residence of Mrs. Lamar, June 1. The funeral took place June 3 from Mrs. Lamar's residence. She was buried in the Post cemetery. Quartermaster Sergeant M. W. Saddle officiating.

The garrison has been greatly benefited by the sacred services held by Quartermaster Sergeant Saddle, at the Post chapel each Sunday evening. All who attend these meetings express themselves more than satisfied with the encouraging sermons of Sergeant Saddle. Sergeant Saddle has been acting regimental chaplain since the departure of Chaplain Prioleau.

Mrs. V. H. Marchbanks was suddenly called to Chicago by the serious illness of her little son. She left Sunday afternoon within a few hours after she received the unpleasant telegram.

The Children's Day exercises were held last Sunday at the Post chapel. Everybody was well pleased with the beautiful program rendered. It showed that careful hard work had been done by the untiring superintendent, Mrs. J. A. Malone, assisted by her faithful teachers, Mrs. Sewall, Mrs. Spearman, Mrs. Dendy and Sergeant Saddle.

The Fort Huachuca Literary Forum gave its first public entertainment last Sunday evening in the Post chapel. An excellent program was carried out to the detriment of all present.

Next week we will have a splendid article on Music in the new musical section, by Bandmaster A. Jack Thomas, Tenth Cavalry Band, U. S. A.